

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, all of the claims remaining in the application **except** claims 46, 48, 50, 52 and 54 have been cancelled.

The Examiner indicates that claims 46, 48 and 50 are allowed.

Although claims 52 and 54 are included among the claims which have been rejected based on prior art, please note that claims 52 and 54 are dependent on allowed claim 46, and allowed claim 48, respectively. [There is no other outstanding rejection against either of claims 52 and 54.] For this reason alone, claims 52 and 54 should also be allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments should be entered even though they are being submitted after a final rejection, since the effect of the amendments is to limit the claims to allowable subject matter.

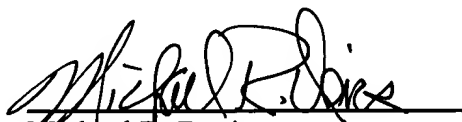
Cancellation of withdrawn claims 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55, is without prejudice to Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the subject matter of these claims.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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